



HIGHLIGHTS: *Utah & National Average* ***Households' Use of Libraries***

Source: Households' Use of Public and Other Types of Libraries: 2002

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- Utah has the **highest** percentage in the country of households that used a library in the previous month or year with 61.9% – Significantly higher than the national average (Avg.) 47.6% (Table 1)
 - Other states with higher-than-average household use:
 - Iowa 59.5%
 - Minnesota 59.4%
 - Ohio 57.5%
 - Connecticut 57.1%
 - Wyoming 57%
- Utah has the **highest** percentage of households that used a public library or bookmobile in the previous month 41.5% – Significantly higher than the national average 30.6% (Table 1)
- Utah is **among the highest** with percentage of households that used a public library or bookmobile in the past year, by distance from library (Table 2):
 - **#1** in less than 1 mile: 71.6 % (Avg. 51.6%)
 - **#2** from 1 to 2 miles: 61.9% (#1 is Minnesota 62.9%, Avg. 50%)
 - **#7** from 3-5 miles: 56.3% (#1 is Minnesota 61.4%, Avg. 47.4%)
 - **#12** from 6-10 miles: 51.6% (#1 is New Jersey 61.7%, Avg. 40.9%)
- A larger proportion of two-parent (UT 79.1%, Avg. 69%) and single-mother households (UT 65%, Avg. 60.4%) used a public library or bookmobile in the past year than households consisting of single females (UT 44.2%, Avg. 33.8%), single males (UT 25.8%, Avg. 28.5%) or other households without children (UT 57.5%, Avg. 41.8%) (Table 4).
- Utah has the **highest** percentage of households with a homemaker that used a public library or bookmobile in the past year (Table 6): 72.9% – Significantly higher than the national average 53.3%.



- Utah is **among the highest** with percentage of households with a disabled person that used a public library or bookmobile in the past year (Table 7): #3 in the country with 58.7% (Avg. 42.2%); #1 is Hawaii with 63.6%.
- Utah has a **higher-than-average** percentage of households with a retired person that used a public library or bookmobile in the past year with 46% and the national average of 35.6%
- Utah has the **8th highest** percentage of households below the poverty line that used a public library or bookmobile in the past year (Table 9): 49% – #1 in the country is Alaska with 61.4% and the national average is 38%.
- Utah has the **highest** percent of households that used a public library or bookmobile in the past month to borrow materials (Table 13): 38.1% (Avg. 26.5%).
- Utah has the **highest** percent of households that used a public library or bookmobile in the past month for enjoyment or hobbies (Table 13): 28% (Avg. 19.3%).
- Utah has the **7th highest** percentage of households that used a public library to use a computer or the Internet (Table 16): 10.6% (Avg. 8.9%)

Purpose and overview of Current Population Survey fall 2002 data collection and the fall 2002 Library Supplement to the Current Population Survey

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly survey of households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It provides a comprehensive body of data on the labor force, including employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labor force. Data are collected monthly from a sample of 50,000 to 60,000 households through personal and telephone interviews. Basic data are gathered monthly; data on special topics are gathered in periodic supplements. NCES works with the Census Bureau to field a school enrollment supplement each October. In October 2002, the Household Use of Public Libraries survey, also sponsored by NCES, was included along with the school enrollment supplement. The Household Use of Public Libraries survey was done only in 2002; it is not scheduled to be repeated.

The CPS interviews were conducted October 13–19, 2002. The core CPS survey questions and parts of the school enrollment supplement were asked about all persons in the household. However, the library use questions were asked of the household in general. Thus, the responses represent public library use by households and not by individuals.

Source:

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